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1. On 1 October 1953, the personnel of the railroad police in Muldenstein were informed that the superior headquarters of the detail was called "Arbeitsstab Betriebsschutz A" and had its seat in Halle on the Saale River. Betriebsschutz A is the designation of the railroad police, which is charged with the mission of guarding railroad installations and which is not subordinate to the railroad administration but to the Transport Police. Members of the railroad police wear blue shirts, while the personnel of the transportation police wear green shirts. Reports of the railroad police detail in Muldenstein will be forwarded to the Arbeitsstab in Halle, the SSD headquarters in Bitterfeld and the criminal police headquarters in Wittenberg.
2. Seven platoons of 53 men each were assigned to the Railroad Police Headquarters in Halle. They were stationed in Halle, Leipzig, Dessau, Delitzsch and Muldenstein. The railroad police were armed with model 98 k carbines and model 08 pistols.

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           Comment. The assignment of the railroad police to the transportation police was reported previously.                      An inspectorate of the transportation police is located in Halle, while transportation police headquarters are available at all places which are the seats of Reichsbahn Betriebsämter (railroad operations offices). It appears that Betriebsschutz A continues to be carried separately from the transportation police proper. The delineation of missions is still unclear, since the members of the transportation police are also employed for train escort missions and the protection of railroad bridges. Betriebsschutz A may be assigned the mission to guard railroad stations.

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